



In The Abstract

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Large Hospital Edition

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Registrar Response Needed Immediately!!

Efforts to revise the current ROADS Manual will begin in February, 2001 through a Work Group recently established by the Commission on Cancer, ACoS. Frances Ross, Statewide Coordinator, has been invited to participate in the Work Group. Attached you will find a questionnaire from the Commission requesting your input regarding the feasibility of collecting additional data items. It is vital that each registrar make his opinions known regarding the availability of these data in the hospital record as well as the additional burden these requirements would place on the registrar. We urge you to respond *immediately*. Please fax a copy of your response to Frances at (859) 219-0557 when you send it to COC, so that she may fully represent your concerns when the Work Group convenes in February.

Clarifications

◆ Case Reporting

Hospitals are not required to abstract a case if they only diagnose metastasis from a previously diagnosed primary. However, if the diagnosis of metastasis is the **first** indication that the patient has cancer, the hospital is required to abstract the case because by diagnosing the metastasis they have made the first diagnosis of cancer. If there is doubt as to whether the diagnosis of metastasis is the first cancer diagnosis, the hospital should go ahead and abstract the case.

◆ Coding of Drug Thalidomide

In the July, 2000 issue of the KCR newsletter registrars were instructed to code this drug as a biological response modifier. Recent information received from SEER, however, instructs registrars to code this as "OTHER THERAPY" utilizing code #39 - other definitive cancer therapy - until further notice. Sorry for the confusion!

CODING CHANGES FOR 2001

KCR is making plans for all the changes coming to cancer registries in 2001. Some of the biggest changes include the implementation of ICD-O-3 for coding cancer histology and behavior and the implementation of SEER Summary Stage 2000 (SSS2K).

All of these changes will be effective with cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2001. The SEER Program is providing a variety of training opportunities in several different formats for the implementation of ICD-O-3 and SSS2K.

- The SEER Training Web Site provides a web-based, interactive instructional module located at www.training.seer.cancer.gov
- SEER also sponsored an ICD-O-3 Satellite training conference on January 9, 2001 from 2:00pm –4:00pm. Videotape copies of this training will be available free of charge from SEER and CDC to central registries. KCR will make copies available for loan to Kentucky registrars. Viewing the satellite training or the videotape has been approved by NCRA for 2 CEUs.
- SEER staff will be making in-person presentations about ICD-O-3 to registry professional groups throughout the country during the implementation period.

KCR encourages the cancer registrars of Kentucky to take advantage of all of the training opportunities provided by SEER. Check the SEER training website periodically for the latest updates on these changes.

In addition, KCR will be conducting its own regional workshops in March and April, 2001 in order to discuss exactly how these changes will be implemented in the CPDMS software. The agenda will include not only the implementation issues for ICD-O-3 and SSS2K in CPDMS, but the impact of these changes on casefinding, as well as other changes and initiatives to be implemented by KCR in the coming year. Detailed information about these training sessions, including location and agenda, will be mailed to all hospital registrars in February. It will be a 6 hour workshop (9:00am – 4:00pm)*, repeated 3 times: March 20th at Regional Medical Center of Hopkins County (Mahr Cancer Center), Madisonville; March 28th at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; and April 6th at Baptist Hospital East, Louisville. All Kentucky registrars are expected to attend and CEUs will be requested from NCRA.

KCR has received 70 soft-cover copies of ICD-O-3 courtesy of CDC and NPCR and will be distributing these to hospital registrars. We will also obtain copies of the SSS2K manual and distribute those at the workshops.

*Central Standard Time in Madisonville

KCR Completeness Report

January 1, 2001

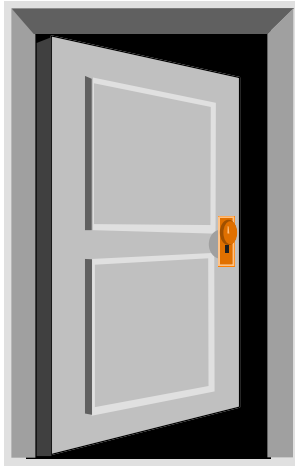
Calendar Year 2000 Admissions

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37% complete - - - 66% expected

(Reminder: all 2000 cases are due May 30, 2001)

Opportunities for CTRs - Contract Abstracting



Occasionally, hospitals find themselves with backlogs of abstracting/followup or unfilled registry positions. KCR receives requests periodically for temporary assistance.

Therefore, we would like to offer a listing of CTRs who are interested in providing such temporary services on a private contract basis. We realize there are some excellent registrars that are not certified; however, certification is the only way KCR has of assuring competence in all levels of registry operations. Registrars who are not certified are, of course, welcome to pursue this opportunity on their own. Each person on the list would act as a private contractor, accepting offers and setting prices.

If you are interested in being placed on this list, please send in the attached form with all of the necessary information completed.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact Frances Ross at (859)219-0773 ext 224.

KCR Contract Abstractor List Enrollment:

I am interested in providing abstracting services to health care providers who diagnose and/or treat cancer patients in Kentucky in accordance with rules and regulations of the Kentucky Cancer Registry.

Please place my name on the list of Certified Tumor Registrars (CTRs) being compiled by the KCR Central Office for distribution to those who are interested and seek assistance in reporting cancer to the KCR. I understand that being placed on this list is not an endorsement of the KCR which merely distributes the list as a convenience for reporting sources.

I further attest to being a Certified Tumor Registrar in good standing at this time.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Year of Certification	_____ Last Two Years of CE Credits Completed Cycle (Dates)

The following information is to be used in the contract abstractor list:

Print Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____

I would be willing to serve in the following counties:

Mail to:

Kentucky Cancer Registry
Attn: Frances Ross, CTR
Statewide Coordinator
2365 Harrodsburg Road, Suite A230
Lexington, KY 40504-3381



Bright Ideas

Patient moved out of state? Try Nationwide Yellow Pages!

- A. If a patient has moved to a different state or an area that you're not familiar with, the Nationwide Yellow Pages may prove useful in obtaining current followup information. You will need the patient's city and state of residence.

How do you get there?

1. The Internet address is www.peoplefind.com.
2. Click on white/yellow pages
3. Under business type enter physician.
4. Under the appropriate headings, enter the city the patient lives in and then the state.
5. You will then get a list of headings from which you may select:



- **Hospitals-General Medical/Surgical**
- **Physicians & Surgeons**
- **Physicians & Surgeons-Oncology**

Contact those which may be appropriate to determine if the patient has been seen.

- B. If the patient lives in a small town that is not included in the Nationwide Yellow Pages, you can look for a map on Expedia.

How do you get there?

1. The Internet address is www.expedia.com.
2. Click on MAPS.
3. Click on Find a Map.
4. Click on Search for Place.
5. Select Continent
6. Enter City, State (full name), United States of America

When a map appears, zoom out on the map to get a bigger picture until you can see the next largest city that may have a hospital or cancer center. Then you can search again in the Nationwide Yellow Pages under that city.

Sent in by: Amanda Crosby, Cancer Registrar
University of Louisville Hospital

EDITOR'S NOTE:



If you have tips, techniques or procedures for an aspect of registry operations that works exceptionally well for you, won't you consider sharing them with your colleagues? Submit the information to Judi Cook, newsletter editor, KCR. Articles will be reviewed for pertinence and copy editing will be performed if needed.

People News



Welcome to New Hires:

★	Scottie Cornett	Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard
★	Amy Eads	Pattie A. Clay, Richmond
★	Teresa Ford	Mahr Cancer Center, Madisonville
★	Amy Nunn	T. J. Samson Community Hospital, Glasgow

Best Wishes to Those Resigning:

☹	Laura Hardy	Pattie A. Clay, Richmond
☹	Rhonda Sokolik	Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
☹	Michele Spalding	University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington



CEU's Awarded-Fall Workshop



A total of 17 CEU's have been granted by NCRA for those attending all sessions of the 14th Annual Advanced Cancer Registrar's Workshop held in Lexington, September 14-16, 2000. For those who did not attend all sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1 CEU per hour attended may be submitted.

Congratulations!!



ACoS APPROVAL

Congratulations to Hardin Memorial Hospital on the recent three year approval of their cancer program by ACoS. The new registrar there is Miranda Boils.



New CTRs

Beverly Shackelford, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Covington
Serenea Pabst, St. Luke Hospital East, Ft. Thomas

Important Dates for 2001



February 23 Indiana Cancer Registrar's Association CTR Exam
Preparation Workshop, Columbus, IN - No charge
Contact Pat Hettick (812) 376-5561

March 10 CTR Examination # 1

KCR Regional Workshops

March 20 Mahr Cancer Center, Madisonville

March 28 Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington

April 6 Baptist Hospital East, Louisville

May 21-26 NCRA Annual Meeting, Disney Hilton Hotel, Orlando, FL

Sept. 15 CTR Examination #2

Sept. 27-28 KCR Annual Fall Workshop, Hilton Suites, Lexington